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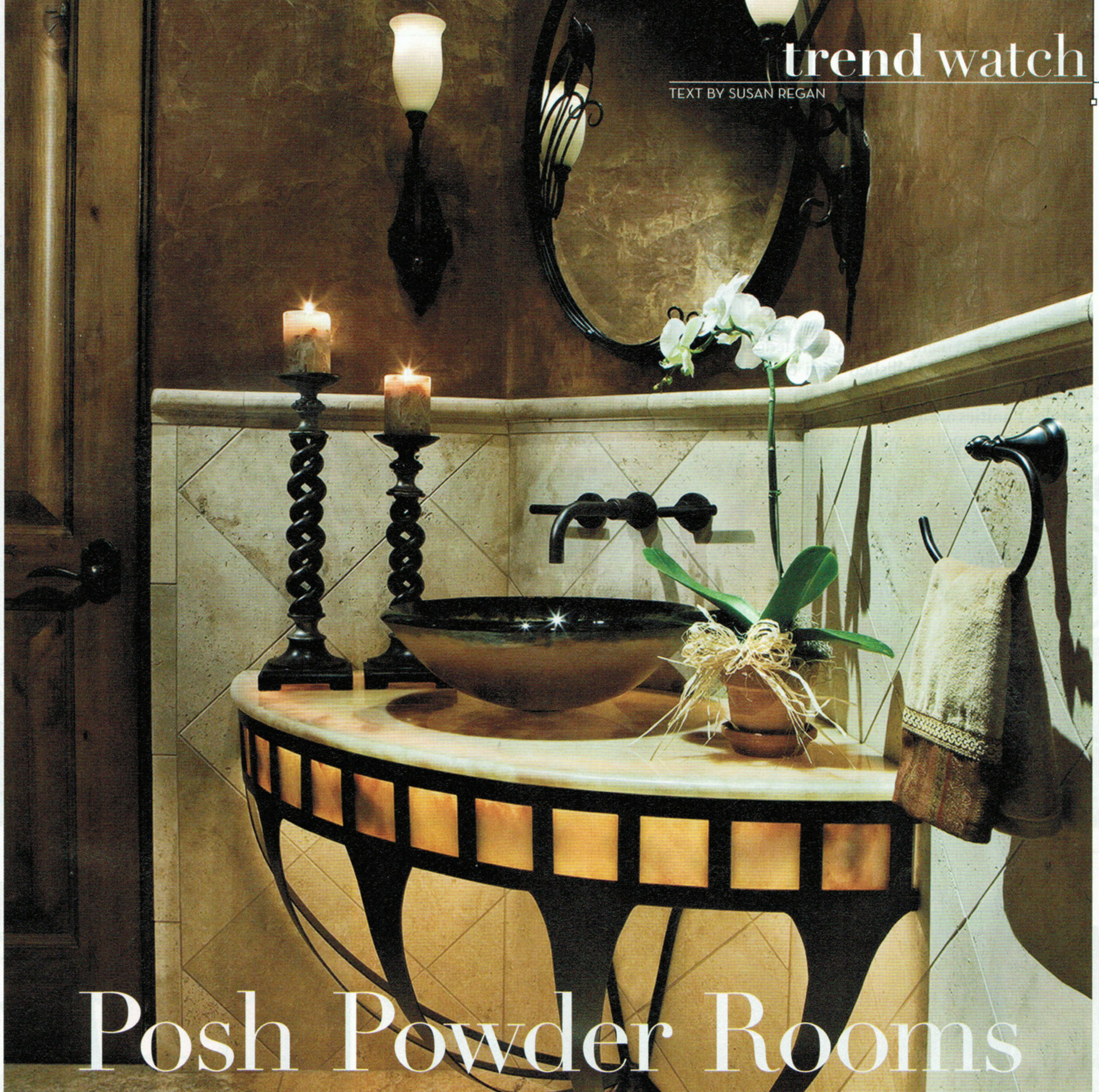


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Posh Powder Rooms

INNOVATIVE DESIGN IDEAS SOAR IN SMALL SPACES

Powder rooms are ideal locations for expressing personal style. Here, Debra May Himes designed a bow-front wall-mounted vanity with straps of iron topped with an under-lit onyx countertop and apron. She further mixed materials by adding an art-glass vessel sink and wall-mounted oil-rubbed bronze faucetry.

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines a powder room as "a lavatory in the main living area of a house." For many homeowners, though, a powder room is much more. It is a space to let design style soar, where creative ideas can be exhibited for all to see. We talked with Carmen Anderson of Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery; Debra May Himes of Debra May Himes Interior Design & Associates, LLC; and Linda Van Lith of Tierra del Lagarto to find out the newest trends in a powder

room's five main components—the vanity, sink, faucetry, lighting and mirror.

VANITIES

The vanity is the most important element to consider in a powder room's design, according to Himes. She suggests choosing a vanity first and fashioning the rest of the space around it. Here are some factors to keep in mind:

- **Size.** "Don't limit yourself to something that is the perfect size—choose a piece you really like," advises Van Lith. (See "Van-